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FINAL AGENDA **WATER POLICY INTERIM COMMITTEE**

State Capitol, Room 172
September 9-10, 2013

AGENDA ITEM TIMES ARE APPROXIMATE

Monday, Sept. 9

- 11 a.m. **Call to Order** - Sen. Vincent
Roll Call
Approval of minutes from June 2013 WPIC
- 11:05 a.m. Finalization of interim work plan
Revisions to interim work plan, if necessary
Adoption of interim work plan
- 11:15 a.m. Water-related research by state entity (85-2-105, MCA): Current and future
projects at the Montana State Water Center
Duncan Patten, director, State Water Center
Public comment
Committee questions, discussion, and action, if any
- Noon Lunch
- 1 p.m. State Water Plan update (85-1-203, MCA)
Tim Davis, administrator, Water Resources Division, DNRC
Public comment
Committee questions, discussion, and action, if any
- 1:30 p.m. Temporary leasing report (HB37)
Tim Davis, administrator, Water Resources Division, DNRC
Public comment
Committee questions, discussion, and action, if any
- 2 p.m. Water supply update
Tim Davis, administrator, Water Resources Division, DNRC

**WATER POLICY INTERIM
COMMITTEE. 2013-14**

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Attach No. 1

- Public comment
Committee questions, discussion, and action, if any
- 2:45 p.m. Followup on *DNRC v. Neal Bouma and Harold Poulsen*
Tim Davis, administrator, Water Resources Division, DNRC
Public comment
Committee questions, discussion, and action, if any
- 3:15 p.m. Break
- 3:30 p.m. Brady water supply
Tom Livers, deputy director, Department of Environmental Quality
Larry Bonderud, executive committee president, North Central Montana Regional
Water System Project
John Tubbs, director, DNRC
Public comment
Committee questions, discussion, and action, if any
- 4:15 p.m. Public Comment on any issue within the jurisdiction of the WPIC
- 4:30 p.m. Recess for the day. Reconvene at 8 a.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 10

- 8 a.m. Reconvene
- 8:05 a.m. Water rights adjudication update (85-2-281, MCA)
Russ McElyea, chief water judge, Montana Water Court
Tim Davis, administrator, Water Resources Division, DNRC
Public comment
Committee questions, discussion, and action, if any
- 8:20 p.m. Update on process for water rights exempt from filing (SB355)
Tim Davis, administrator, Water Resources Division, DNRC
Russ McElyea, chief water judge, Montana Water Court
Public comment
Committee questions, discussion, and action, if any
- 8:45 p.m. Water Court role in permitting, change applications
Russ McElyea, chief water judge, Montana Water Court
Tim Davis, administrator, Water Resources Division, DNRC
Public comment
Committee questions, discussion, and action, if any
- 9:30 a.m. Clark Fork River Basin Task Force update (85-2-350, MCA)

Chairman or staff
Public comment
Committee questions, discussion, and action, if any

9:45 a.m. Break

10 a.m. Reserved Water Rights Compact Commission
RWRCC
Public comment
Committee questions, discussion, and action, if any

10:15 a.m. Administrative rule review: Definition of combined appropriation (ARM 36.12.101)
Overview -- Ms. Thigpen
Tim Davis, administrator, Water Resources Division, DNRC
Public comment
Committee questions, discussion, and action, if any

11:30 a.m. Lunch

12:30 p.m. Hydrology demonstration by staff at Montana Bureau of Mines and
Geology on the Capitol grounds

1:30 p.m. HJ26 study: Intersecting interests of estate owners and ditch owners
Introduction of topic -- Mr. Mohr
Michelle Bryan-Mudd, director of Land Use Clinic, University of Montana Law
School
Public comment
Committee questions, discussion, and action, if any

2:15 p.m. Updates on forestry projects in municipal watersheds
Bill Avey, forest supervisor, Lewis and Clark National Forest and acting supervisor,
Helena National Forest
Lisa Stoeffler, Bozeman district ranger, Gallatin National Forest
Public comment
Committee questions, discussion, and action, if any

3 p.m. Break

3:10 p.m. Wildfire update
Bob Harrington, state forester, Forestry Division, DNRC
Public comment
Committee questions, discussion, and action, if any

4 p.m. A method of quantifying in-stream flow: The wetted perimeter model
Overview -- Mr. Mohr

Eric Johnston, Assistant Regional Director for Renewable Resources, U.S. Forest Service Northern Region

Jed Simon, water rights hydrologist, U.S. Forest Service Northern Region

Tim Davis, administrator, Water Resources Division, DNRC

Mike McLane, water resources specialist, FWP

Public comment

Committee questions, discussion, and action, if any

5 p.m. Public Comment on any issue within the jurisdiction of the WPIC

5:15 p.m. Other business

5:20 p.m. Administrative matters
Instructions to staff

5:30 p.m. Adjourn

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